

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. No claims have been amended, canceled, or added. As such, claims 1-5, 8-20, and 22-25 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1-5, 8, 15-20, 22, 23, and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,852,434 to Sekendur ("Sekendur") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,348,914 to Tuli ("Tuli") and U.S. Patent No. 6,448,959 to Kawaguchi et al. ("Kawaguchi"). Claims 1, 8, 15, and 23 recite, in part, that "the sensor further detects a user selection of a location on the address pattern in response to a detection of additional force...between the electronic reading device and the specially formatted surface."

As noted at page 2 of the Office Action, Sekendur does not teach a sensor for detecting a user selection in response to a detection of additional force between the electronic reading device and the specially formatted surface. Furthermore, Tuli does not teach a pressure sensor for detecting a user selection in response to a detection of additional force between the electronic reading device and the specially formatted surface. Instead, Tuli teaches sensing a pressure to determine if handwriting is taking place. *See* Tuli, col. 2, lines 5-14. Applicants submit that sensing handwriting as taught by Tuli is not analogous to sensing a user selection as recited in claims 1, 8, 15, and 23. Furthermore, as noted at page 3 of the Office Action, the combination of Sekendur and Tuli does not teach the use of a pressure sensor for detecting a user selection in response to a detected force greater than a predetermined threshold force. Kawaguchi does not remedy the deficiencies of Tuli in that Kawaguchi does not teach a pressure sensor for detecting a user selection in response to a detection of additional force ***between the electronic reading device and the specially formatted surface*** as recited in claims 1, 8, 15, and 23. Instead, Kawaguchi teaches a pressure sensor for detecting a user selection in response to a detected pressure at the ***push button switch located on a side of the stylus pen***. *See* Kawaguchi, col. 6, lines 5-8 and Figure 1B. Detecting a user selection via a push button at the side of the pen as taught in Kawaguchi is not analogous to detecting a user selection in response to additional force between the electronic reading device and the specially formatted surface as claimed by the present application. Applicants

respectfully submit that claims 1, 8, 15, and 23 distinguish over the combination of Sekendur, Tuli, and Kawaguchi and request that the §103 rejection of claims 1, 8, 15, and 23 be withdrawn.

Claims 2-5, 16-20, 22, and 25 are either directly or indirectly dependent from one of claims 1, 15, and 23 and should distinguish over the combination of Sekendur, Tuli, and Kawaguchi for at least the same reasons as stated above. Applicants respectfully request that the §103 rejection of claims 2-5, 16-20, 22, and 25 be withdrawn.

Claims 9-14 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sekendur in view of Tuli and Kawaguchi and further in view of GB 2306669 to Wolff et al. ("Wolff"). Claims 9-14 and 24 are either directly or indirectly dependent on claim 8 or 23 and should distinguish over the combination of Sekendur, Tuli, and Kawaguchi for at least the same reasons as stated above. Wolff does not remedy the deficiencies of Sekendur, Tuli, and Kawaguchi in that Wolff also does not teach a sensor that further detects a user selection of a location on the address pattern in response to a detection of additional force, greater than a predetermined threshold force, between the electronic reading device and the specially formatted surface. Wolff has merely been cited for the purpose of teaching a paper reprinted with at least one data entry field. *See* Office Action, page 4. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9-14 and 24 distinguish over the combination of Sekendur, Tuli, Kawaguchi, and Wolff and request that the §103 rejection of claims 9-14 and 24 be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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